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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER SENT TO MIN FA, ROC, TAIWAN, BY
ROBERT C. LONATI, WTO SECRETARY GENERAL AD INTERIM ON
APRIL 15 CONCERNING LETTER OF INVITATION TO ROC TO ATTEND
WTO GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN MADRID ON MAY 12:

BEGIN TEXT: AS SECRETARY GENERAL A.I. OF WTO I SENT A
CIRCULAR LETTER ON 28 FEBRUARY 1975 TO ALL STATES THAT HAD
DEPOSITED A FORMAL DECLARATION ACCEPTING THE ORGANIZATION'S
STATUTES AS WELL AS THE STATES THAT HAD ADOPTED THOSE
STATUTES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL INVITING THEM TO BE REPRESENTED
AT THE FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE WORLD TOURISM ORGANIZATION.
SINCE FORMAL DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE DATED 25 FEBRUARY 1972
HAD BEEN DEPOSITED ON BEHALF OF MINISTER OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA YOU WERE INCLUDED AMONG
THE ADDRESSEES OF THAT LETTER. ON 11 APRIL 1975 THE
SWISS GOVERNMENT NOTIFIED ALL THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED
THAT A STATE HAD ACCOMPANIED ITS INSTRUMENT OF APPROVAL
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BY A DECLARATION ACCORDING TO WHICH IT CONSIDERED NULL

AND VOID THE APPROVAL DEPOSITED ON BEHALF OF THE
REPUBLIC OF CHINA. REPRESENTATIONS TO THE SAME EFFECT WERE
ALSO COMMUNICATED TO ME BY VARIOUS GOVERNMENTS FOLLOWING
WHICH I PROCEEDED TO CONSULTATIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES
OF STATES MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION AND STATES ENTITLED
TO AVAIL THEMSELVES OF THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 42 OF
THE STATUTES. THESE CONSULTATIONS HAVE SHOWN THAT THIS
OPINION IS WIDELY SHARED. IN VIEW OF THE POSITIONS THUS
TAKEN IT DOES SEEM POSSIBLE THAT A DELEGATION OF
THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA COULD TAKE PART IN THE WORK OF THE
FORTHCOMING GENERAL ASSEMBLY BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY TAKES
A POSITION ON THE CONTESTATION OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED
DECLARATION OF 25 FEBRUARY 1972. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES I
KINDLY REQUEST YOU TO CONSIDER AFORESAID LETTER OF
INVITATION AND ALL THE COMMUNICATIONS FOLLOWING IT
ANNULLED. REGARDS. END TEXT. DALE

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